FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of Iowa for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*) September 18, 2006

This Federal Order provides notification, effective immediately, for quarantine of the entire state of Iowa for PSB, *Tomicus piniperda*. This action is in response to the decision made by the State of Iowa that an intrastate quarantine will not be implemented following detection of PSB in Dubuque and Scott Counties. This decision by the State of Iowa was communicated to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The 7CFR 301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state only when the state enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches Federal PSB regulations.

Effective immediately, movement of PSB regulated articles interstate from the State of Iowa must be done in accordance with 7 CFR 301.50. This Order is issued under the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412 (a), 7 U.S.C. 7712 (a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

The 7 CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.50-3(c). The 7 CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

If you wish more details on the Federal PSB regulatory program, you may contact the Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of Iowa, please contact the APHIS' State Plant Health Director Robert Meinders at (515) 285-7044.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Iowa in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests.